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SUBJECT: SOVIET AIRLIFT TO ETHIOPIA VIA PAKISTAN

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM SAG THAT SIGNIFICANT SOVIET AIRLIFT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ETHIOPIA IS NOW UNDERWAY. AT LEAST SOME OF THESE FLIGHTS HAVE OVERFLOWN AND/OR REFUELED IN PAKISTAN. GIVEN OUR COMMON DESIRE TO REDUCE SOVIET MILITARY ROLE IN ETHIOPIA, WE BRING THIS FACT TO SAG ATTENTION. SINCE THEY HAVE SIGNIFI-

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CANT INFLUENCE WITH GOP, WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF THEY WERE TO SUGGEST TO ISLAMABAD THAT REFUSAL OF OVER-FLIGHT AND LANDING PERMISSION IN PAKISTAN WOULD SUPPORT GENERAL EFFORT TO REDUCE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ETHIOPIA AND WOULD BE CONSONANT WITH POLICY TO KEEP SUPERPOWER MILITARY PRESENCE OUT OF AFRICA.

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2. IF THE SAUDIS BELIEVE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY, WE ARE PREPARED TO SPEAK TO GOP AS WELL, BUT WE THINK AN APPROACH BY THE SAG ALONE WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE, SINCE IT WOULD AVOID THE IMPLICATION OF SUPER POWER RIVALRY. VANCE

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